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### **PRESENTATION BY ALEX NUTTALL, MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT FOR BARRIE, SPRINGWATER AND ORO-MEDONTE, CONCERNING AN UPDATE ON FEDERAL MATTERS**

Mr. Alex Nuttall, Member of Parliament for Barrie, Springwater and Oro-Medonte provided an address to Council.

MP Nuttall introduced his family members that were in attendance and thanked his staff for their support and assistance. He shared that he truly feels like a product of the community and how he feels that the wide variety of organizations in the City ensure everyone is taken care of.

MP Nuttall discussed how his interest in politics was a result of the civics and careers course that all high school students must take. He shared that he believed he would become a Member of Parliament after high school and then become Prime Minister. He advised that in May 2003 he was elected Student Mayor by his peers and teachers. MP Nuttall shared how he dropped out of high school in 2003 to run for City Council, finishing 3rd out of 5 candidates. He ran again in the 2006 Municipal Election in Ward 10 and was sworn in on December 4, 2006 and re-elected in 2010 with the most votes ever received in a City Council race. MP Nuttall described how he sought the Ontario PC nomination for the 2011 Provincial election but was defeated by 23 votes on the last ballot. He went on to describe seeking the nomination for the Conservative Party of Canada 2013 and in October 2015 was elected to the House of Commons by 86 votes.

MP Nuttall described his various responsibilities while serving as a Member of Parliament including Opposition critic for Economic Development Southwestern Ontario and most recently as Shadow Minister for Internal Trade.

MP Nuttall advised that he had informed the Leader of Official Opposition that he resigned from Shadow Cabinet and requested the formation of a local nomination committee as he would not be seeking re-election this fall.

MP Nuttall shared that while all of the dates he noted earlier and the accomplishments associated with his political career are noteworthy and significant, that they all pale in comparison with his responsibility to his family and being a father to his two young children. He advised that it is for this reason that he will not be seeking re-election.

MP Nuttall thanked Council for permitting him to share this announcement with the community and he noted that it has been an honour to serve the citizens of Barrie, Springwater and Oro-Medonte. He thanked his family, supporters, volunteers and everyone that had a part in making his political dream come true.

MP Nuttall concluded his remarks by sharing a song he sings to his children and noted how he will be able to sing the words honestly, knowing that he will be there for them each morning.

Members of Council thanked MP Nuttall for his service to the community and shared remarks about working with MP Nuttall over the years on Barrie City Council and during his time as Member of Parliament.